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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Fehring *et al.*
Appl. No.: 09/660,948
Filed: September 13, 2000
For: ENHANCED BIOCOMPATIBLE IMPLANTS AND ALLOYS

Confirmation No.: 7387
Group Art Unit: 1742
Examiner: A. Wessman

September 11, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

37. (Amended) A biocompatible cobalt-base alloy of Claim 17 wherein said alloy has a ratio of (weight percent Cr + $\frac{1}{2}$ weight percent Mo) / weight percent Co in the range of below about 0.450.

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